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EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLORS/PROVOSTS

RE: RFP for Advancing Faculty Diversity, for Recruitment and for Improved Climate and Retention, 2022-2023

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce this year's Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the 2022-2023 Advancing Faculty Diversity (AFD) program. Now in its seventh year, for this year's competition over \$2.5M will be available for awards. All proposals are due no later than May 16, 2022.

Attached are detailed RFPs for the two program tracks: 1) The **AFD Recruitment** program, which supports efforts on campuses to develop recruitment processes that are predicted to result in more diverse faculty hiring; and 2) the **AFD Improved Climate and Retention** program, which supports efforts both on and across campuses to develop equity-oriented interventions, data capacity, and research to improve workplace climate and retention outcomes. Two new additions this year are replication awards and awards to support the securing of external funding for AFD-inspired projects. Replication awards provide an opportunity for campus units to test a single intervention that has already shown success in another campus unit; external fundraising awards provide an opportunity for previously successful campus projects to focus on securing external grants in order to continue their work. In both tracks, we encourage applicants to build on the innovative and successful pilot projects funded in years 1-6 of this program and summarized in the Appendices of the two RFPs. Campuses may submit 1-2 proposals in each of the two tracks and all must be submitted through the EVC/Provost's Office.

In consideration of the input recently collected from various stakeholders, the program will include the following priorities and guidelines:

- Awards in the Recruitment track will be funded for up to two years. The focus remains on interventions in the recruitment process that will assist in identifying candidates who have the capacity to enhance contributions to diversity in their research, teaching, service, and outreach. As with last year's awards process, recruitment project PIs are encouraged to consider how the COVID-19 pandemic and its related impacts have exposed inequities, particularly as campuses have shifted back to in-person operations.
- Awards in the Improved Climate and Retention track will be funded for up to three years. Priority will be given to projects specifically aimed at responding to COVID-19 issues that have affected faculty and those projects addressing issues of racial justice through proposed interventions.

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To continue building a cross-campus network of practitioners as well as systemwide data that will help us track our efforts, the following AFD program practices will continue:

- Proposals that include work on more than one campus or that serve multiple campuses will receive priority.
- Those campuses receiving funds in year 7 will take part in two convenings during the year to share progress, report on successes and challenges, and build a cross-campus community of practice for faculty recruitment, retention, and improved climate.
- Campuses receiving Recruitment awards will continue using the Search Committee Chair Survey, currently available in UC Recruit, for all ladder-rank hires, in the 2022-23 recruitment year.
- Campuses receiving Improved Climate and Retention awards will undertake a regular Retention and Climate Survey, either continuing in the survey administered through COACHE or collecting similar campus data that can be shared with UCOP, to allow for systemwide tracking of issues.
- In addition to a Principal Investigator, each proposal will include a central campus Sponsor, who will be regularly apprised of progress on the award. This may be the campus Chief Diversity Officer, a Vice Provost or Associate Vice Provost, or the Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost.

UCOP will host two pre-award online forums for those interested in developing a project proposal. These online forums will be held on April 1, 2022 from 9:00-10:00 am and April 7, 2022 from 1:00-2:00 pm. Each of the two forums will cover the same information. These forums will be an opportunity for UCOP to address questions from potential applicants and to bring possible collaborators together. Attendance is not required to submit a proposal but confirmation of attendance is requested. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to Janiene.Thiong@ucop.edu and indicate which session they plan to attend. Note that the same content will be delivered at each forum.

The deadline for submission of proposals is May 16, 2022. A Review Committee at UCOP, with Academic Senate representation, will make recommendations for funding. We hope to announce awards by early July 2022.

Please reach out to Vice Provost Susan Carlson (Susan.Carlson@ucop.edu) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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